

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of June 23, 2008. With this Amendment, claims 1, 12, 14 and 15 are amended, claims 10 and 11 are canceled, claims 16-18 are added and all pending claims 1-4, 7-9, 12 and 14-18 are presented for reconsideration and favorable action.

In the Office Action, claims 10 and 11 were objected to. Those claims have been canceled and it is believed that the objections may be withdrawn.

Claims 1-4, 7-11 and 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based upon Gokcebay et al. (US 6,374,653) in view of Lin (US 5,447,047). It is believed that the amended claims are patentably distinct from these references.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the coupling element moves in an axial direction between a first axial position which provides coupling between a drive mechanism and a take off mechanism and a second axial position in which the drive mechanism and take off elements are decoupled. Element 351 of Lin was cited as providing a “coupling element.” However, that element is simply described as being a “bore” and does not provide the “coupling element” as set forth in amended claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that the rejection should be withdrawn.

Further, as discussed previously, independent claim 1 states that there is an exchange of a “wireless signal.” The term “wireless” is well known in the art and refers to communication without the use of electrical conductors. See, for example, the Wikipedia article <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wireless> which states, “Wireless communication is the transfer of information over a distance without the use of electrical conductors.” (This is set forth at Exhibit A.) The Gokcebay does not show such a configuration and requires an electrical transfer through a physical conductor. For this additional reason the rejection against claim 1 should be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 12, 14 and 15 have been amended to more clearly define the term “wireless” based upon the Wikipedia definition. As discussed above, Gokcebay does not show this configuration and therefore the rejection against these claims should be withdrawn.

Dependent claim 7 describes “ferrite bar antenna.” This also is not shown by Gokcebay. An antenna, again as defined by Wikipedia, is, “A transducer designed to transmit or receive electromagnetic waves.” (See, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki//Antenna_\(radio\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki//Antenna_(radio))) which is set forth at Exhibit B.) As this is not shown by Gokcebay, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Further, new dependent claims 16-18 have been added. These dependent claims describe operation of a coupling mechanism with respect to the coupling element. Gokcebay and Lin do not show such a coupling mechanism.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment, including the Office Action’s characterizations of the art, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment or cancellation of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment or cancellation. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the rejection claims in further prosecution of this or related applications.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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